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A COMMUNICATION FROM COL. ABERT,

RELATIVE TO THE

MARYLAND CANAL ROUTE.

Executive Department, January, 17, 1839.

To the House of Delegates:

Gentlemen—Enclosed is a communication from Colonel Abert, made to this department in compliance with your order of the 10th instant.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

WM. GRASON.

Sin:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, with the resolution calling for an estimate of the probable cost of the canal, lately reported as practicable.

We are now engaged upon it, and I beg you to assure his Excellency, Gov. Grason, that every effort will be made to complete it at an early day.

Very respectfully sir,

Your obt. servt.

J. J. ABERT, Col. T. E.

Hon. C. McLean, Sec. of State.

Jan. 14, 1839.

DEAR SIR:—There are more applications for copies of the report of the Maryland Canal, than I can gratify from the number I retained for distribution, and I have also understood that more were